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SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES—
NOVEMBER 14, 2003

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, November 14, 2003, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes, please contact James Scholl at (916) 657-4610.

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Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, November 14, 2003

Agenda

10 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Development Branch (WDB)
	California Workforce Investment Board Update	David Militzer, State Board
	Transition Actions/Planning for the Future	Bill Burke, WDB
	National Emergency Grants (NEG) for Technology and Transportation	Bob Hermsmeier, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
	NEG Response to the Fires	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
	WIA Reauthorization	Michael Evashenk, WID
	Performance Calculations and Renegotiations Status	Liz Clingman, WID
	Job Training Automation Replacement	Liz Clingman, WID
	Open Discussion	Bill Burke / All
	Adjourn	

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Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics—Bill Burke, WDB.

- Data Validation—Federally required State level report validation and local file validation must be completed by April 2004. Approximately 1,100 local client files must be reviewed. The Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) involved will be notified regarding what files will be reviewed. On the Employment Development Department's (EDD) Web site, Information Bulletin [WIAB03-30](#), *DOL Data Validation Policy*, dated October 8, 2003, has an active link to the Department of Labor (DOL) Training and Guidance Letter No. 3-03.

California Workforce Investment Board Update—Megan Juring, State Board. There will be a State Board meeting on November 19 in Sacramento at the Sierra Health Foundation from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entire agenda packet is on the State Board Web site at www.calwia.org and includes the following items:

- The Board will be asked to take action on recommendations for a work plan for the newly formulated Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 25 percent dislocated worker funds workgroup.
- There is a brief action item to approve the draft for the WIA five-year plan supplement. This incorporates policies the Board has adopted which have been put out as directives over the last two years.
- An action item requesting the State Board Chair to be authorized to act for the State Board to submit the final WIA Title 1-B Annual Report later this year.
- Action Item—Adoption of a conflict of interest code.
- Action Item—Approval of the Los Angeles County Local Workforce Investment Board recertification, and subsequent designation of the City of Oakland and City of San Bernardino LWIAs.

Workgroup Updates:

- The Performance-based accountability system and statewide report is now available on the Web site.
- The Universal Access Workgroup is pleased to announce that since July, there are funds available for technical assistance and capacity building of One-Stops relating to service for people with disabilities, including a \$1.4 million release from the

Governor's 15 percent funds with \$800,000 of that going to LWIAs for demonstration projects with community-based organizations.

- In July, EDD received one grant and one cooperative agreement. The Disability Program Navigators grant has been released and the other is a series of capacity building efforts that will be made available to expand service to people with disabilities.
- In October, the State Board received a \$500,000 grant from the Office of Disability Employment Policy to improve transition outcomes for youth with disabilities.
- A Youth Council meeting is scheduled for November 20 and will be held at the Delta King Hotel in Sacramento.

Transition Actions and Planning for the Future—Bill Burke, WDB. There is no information as to appointments or direction the new administration will be taking. The EDD is waiting to learn who will be in charge of the Labor Agency. There have been some meetings at the Department level with Governor Schwarzenegger's transition team. The key EDD issues that will take the new administration's attention are:

1. The Unemployment Insurance fund,
2. The Disability Insurance fund, and
3. The School Employee fund.

National Emergency Grants (NEG) for Technology and Transportation—Bob Hermsmeier, WID. The Technology and Transportation grant requests were submitted on July 24; no announcement of award has been made by the Secretary of Labor at this time. NOTE: Both NEG applications were awarded on December 3, 2003, for the requested amounts.

NEG Response to the Fires—Bob Hermsmeier, WID. On October 31, 2003, the State submitted a request to the Secretary of Labor for an NEG grant of \$35 million to help respond to the Southern California fires. NOTE: The grant was approved on November 19 for up to \$12 million to create 750 jobs in Southern California devastated by the wildfires. These jobs will assist with recovery activities and restoration of burned lands and structures.

WIA Reauthorization—Michael Evashenk, WID. The Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee completed their report on SB1627. The full Senate must consider the Senate Bill, it is hoped, before the Senate adjourns for the year on November 21.

Performance Calculations and Renegotiations Status—Liz Clingman, WID. The EDD initiated local performance negotiations for Program Year (PY) 2003-04 through WIA Directive [WIAD03-6](#), *LWIA Performance Levels for PY 2003, 2003-04, and 2004-05*, dated July 31, 2003. Local negotiation for PY 2004-05 has not been started because DOL is expected to redefine the performance measures and this will result in significant changes to performance levels at both the State and local level. It was

reported at the last California Workforce Association meeting that WID is hoping to send State proposals to the LWIAs by November 15. The WID is now running the performance models. The results will be compared to the LWIA's proposed outcomes. This analysis will determine the State's response to each LWIA's proposal. A directive will be released in late November or early December requesting the LWIAs' response to our proposed levels. The plan is to give the LWIAs 30 days to respond. As needed, negotiations with the LWIAs will be done in January 2004.

Job Training Automation (JTA) Replacement—Liz Clingman, WID. An agreement has been reached with the Information Technology Branch on State-level business requirements for the replacement of JTA. The WID is now working on a Request for Information (RFI) that will go out to the consortium systems and those local boards that expressed an interest in being considered as part of the State's JTA replacement process.

The RFI is a tool used to evaluate existing systems. The RFI will elicit information about how the respondent's system addresses the State's business requirements. The RFI information will be reviewed to determine the State's next steps in the JTA replacement process. The State's goal is to replace JTA with an efficient, flexible, Web-enabled system and spend as little money as possible.